



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

...making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ

February 13, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prelude

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

arr. Dennis Johnson

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Revelation 4:2-11

The prophet John had a vision.

He saw a door standing open in heaven,  
and a voice he had heard before,  
which sounded like a mighty trumpet blast,  
spoke to him and said,

**“Come up here and I will show you what must happen in the future!”**

Instantly he was in spirit there in heaven  
and saw a throne and someone sitting on it.

**Great bursts of light flashed forth from him  
as from a glittering diamond or from a shining ruby,  
and a rainbow glowing like an emerald encircled the throne.**

And all the saints gathered there  
fell down before him and worshiped,  
and cast their crowns before the throne, singing,  
**“O Lord, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you have created all things. They were created  
and called into being by your act of will.”**

Hymn #1

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy holy holy,  
Lord God Almighty!**

**Our songs rise to you today  
because you alone are Light and Life.**

**Forgive us, then, for preferring the shadows  
and trafficking in ways that lead only to death.  
We worship lifeless things that do not save.  
We fill our hearts and minds with trivial matters.  
We flitter away our precious time.**

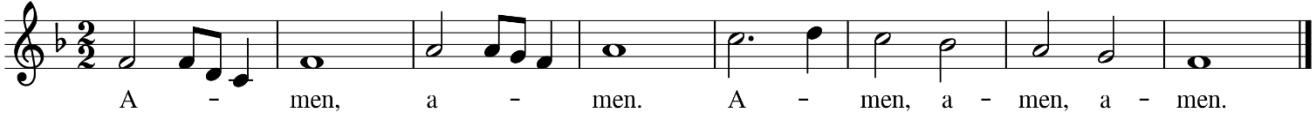
**Set us free from pasts we cannot change  
and renew our faith in your promised future.**

**Hear our private prayers in Jesus' name ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #600

*Amen*



Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

## **LISTENING**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – Galatians 5:1-15

\*Hymn #305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*verses 1-3*

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Sermon in Words – **GOOD NEWS from GALATIANS: We are free to be slaves!**

\*Hymn #305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*verse 4*

Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

## **SHARING**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup

*All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.*

Music during Communion

Closing Unison Prayer

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May this food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn #693

### *Though I May Speak*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

### **DEPARTING**

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response

Northumbria Community

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

Postlude

### **Information & Announcements**

#### **Welcome to our guests!**

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at [admin@northminstermacon.org](mailto:admin@northminstermacon.org).

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler;  
Betty Barlow; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark; Janet Kelly; Lynn Southerland; Current Friends and Family Concerns:  
Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Joel Jones; Hazel Crow

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson)

#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

Flowers this Sunday have been given to the glory of God by Gwen Kitchens, with love and appreciation for Northminster Presbyterian Church.

#### **Loads of Love**

The Northminster Neighborhood Committee is working to purchase a washer and dryer for the Rosa Taylor clothes closet. Students, particularly those in lower grades and special education, face special needs, including an opportunity to remain in clean clothes throughout their school day. We ask for your support in this effort. The goal is to raise \$2,000. We will be collecting money through March 6. Offering envelopes are provided in the pew.

#### **Chili Cook-off & Bake Sale**

Mark your calendars for 11:45am, **February 27th**, for the annual Chili Cookoff and Bake Sale! This church-wide event will also help raise money for the youth to attend Montreat. Drop-off for bake sale donations will be open February 21st-24th from 9am-1pm, or you can bring your baked goods Sunday morning.

### **NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News; SESSION of Ruling Elders: Kari Alderman; Barbara Fatkin; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh;

Melissa McDougald; Jinny McDuffie; Ray Moseley; Michael Napier; Minor Vernon; Genny Whitaker

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate SANDRA SMITH, Music Director

KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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